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SUBJECT: LEVINSON CASE UPDATE

REF: A. A) FOLEY-STANDAERT JULY 17 EMAIL
[1](#)B. B) VATICAN 21 AND PREVIOUS

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REASON: 1.4 (b), (d)

[1](#)1. (SBU) As reported in ref. A, Monsignor Franco Coppola, Director for the Middle East at the Holy See Secretariat of State, informed A/DCM on July 4 that the Holy See Nuncio in Teheran, Archbishop Jean Paul Gobel, has sent a diplomatic note to the Government of Iran requesting a meeting to discuss the disappearance of US citizen Robert Levinson (reftel B). Coppola did not have information yet on any GOI response to the Nuncio's note.

[1](#)2. (C) Coppola also said that the Swiss Ambassador in Iran had told Gobel that it was likely that Levinson was kidnapped by contraband mafias. The Swiss Ambassador added that he did not think the GOI is behind Levinson's disappearance.

[1](#)3. (SBU) Post will continue to follow-up with the Holy See for further updates.

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